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SUBJ: AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR NEW HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 050592

1. WE BELIEVE ESZTERGALYOS EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR NEXT AMBASSADOR AND AGREE (PARA 2 REFTEL) THAT HIS NOMINATION IS POSITIVE AND LONG OVERDUE GOH MOVE TO UPGRADE QUALITY OF ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO HAVE DEALT WITH ESZTERGALYOS IN RECENT YEARS (AMBASSADOR, DCM, POLITICAL OFFICER) CONSIDER HIM AN ENERGETIC, ENGAGING, AND INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND FROM HIS VIETNAM EXPERIENCE IS ACCUSTOMED TO DEALING WITH AMERICANS. HIS INFORMAL MANNER OF TALKING AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE PERSONAL COMMENTS SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN WASHINGTON. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR WHO DEALT FREQUENTLY WITH ESZTERGALYOS IN HIS FONOFF POSITION OF OVERSEEING NON-ALIGNED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CHARACTERIZES HIM AS URBANE, SUAVE, AND WITH GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF WESTERN PSYCHOLOGY. HE APPEARS TO BE WELL CONNECTED BOTH IN MFA AND IN PARTY. HE WAS A PROTEGE OF KOMOCSEN AND WE WOULD ASSUME HAS OTHER GOOD CONNECTIONS IN VIEW OF HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT.

3. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF HIS HAVING TRAVELED TO U.S. ASIDE FROM HIS ICCS EXPERIENCE, HIS FOREIGN POSTINGS
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HAVE INCLUDED VIENNA AND STOCKHOLM. WHILE AMBASSADOR

TO STOCKHOLM, HE WAS ACCREDITED TO REYKJAVIK. HIS
EXPERIENCE AS PRESS ATTACHE AT THE HUNGARIAN LEGATION
IN VIENNA SHOULD SERVE AS USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR HIS
ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON.

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